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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed decision notice has been prepared for the Missouri River streambank protection project located adjacent to the PN Bridge.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Martinka

Chief of Field Operations

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## DECISION NOTICE FOR THE MISSOURI RIVER BANK PROTECTION PROJECT

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Future Fisheries Improvement Program

August 1, 1997

## Description of Proposed Action:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks proposes to authorize the expenditure of funds on a cooperative streambank protection project on the Missouri River adjacent to the PN Bridge. Under this action, Fisheries Division funds would be combined with a Renewal Resource Grant to apply rock rip-rap to the eroding bank at this location. The erosion is impacting the public campground.

I have evaluated the Environmental Assessment (EA) and applicable laws, regulations and policies and have determined that this action, as stated in the EA, will have no significant effect on the natural or human environment. I have selected the application of rock rip-rap bank protection at this site to be the proper action. No comments were received either in support or opposition to the proposal. By this decision notice, the draft EA will be accepted as the final EA.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Martinka

Chief of Field Operations